

River Ecology and Governance Task Force
Quarterly Meeting
03/12/2024
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm on Zoom (see calendar invitation for link)

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Please say "hello" in the chat.

3:00 pm Task Force Work Plan for 2024

Review of the short-term goals for 2024 – 2025 and how they will be incorporated into Task Force and working group meetings, discussions, and research throughout the year.

3:10 pm CDOT River Edge Access Study Update and Q&A

CDOT and its consultant team will provide an update on the study's progress and share a draft of the mapping tool for discussion.

3:50 pm Update: IEPA Triennial Review Process and Q&A

Scott Twait, Illinois EPA

4:00 pm Presentation on Trash/Litter Ecological Dynamics

Tim Hoellein from Loyola University will discuss his research with a discussion on how research can be connected to policy change.

4:20 pm Update: Summary of MWRD's Debris Collection Program

Justin Vick, MWRD

4:30 pm Adjourn and 2024 Task Force Meeting Dates Reminders

Task Force Objectives

- Transforming Chicago's unique waterway system into a thriving and ecologically integrated natural asset, capable of accommodating the needs of people, requires coordinated planning, investment and management.
- Aspire to, and realize no later than 2040, inland waterways in Chicago that are inviting, productive and living, that support wildlife in-stream and on their banks, and that contribute to our city's resiliency